

Remarks

Claims 1-4, 6, 9-17, 19, 22-30, 32, 35-39, and 41-43 are pending. Claims 1, 14, and 27 have been amended to address objections due to informalities that were made by the Examiner in the Final Office Action mailed February 11, 2008. In particular, in claims 1, 14, and 27, "sequentially reading" has been revised to recite "reading sequentially".

This amendment is submitted before the filing of the Applicant's appeal brief. Applicant submits that this amendment presents the rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal and would not raise any new matters for consideration. Accordingly, Applicant submits that this amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. §41.33(a) and 37 C.F.R. §1.116(b)(2). Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

If any extension of time is required, Applicant hereby requests the appropriate extension of time. If any fees are required, please appropriately charge those fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account Number 50-1505/5053-31001/EBM.

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